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CHARLES by the Grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom theſe preſents ſhall come greeting: Whereas we have beene lately informed, by ſeverall Certificates of diverſe of our chiefe Officers of our Navie Royall, and of ancient Sea Captaines, that frequent and lamentable Shipwrackes, have from time to time beene, and doe continue at *Goodwin* Sands, lying to the Eaſt of *Sandwich*, to the great loſſe of many of our Subjects and Strangers their lives and goods which have beene occaſioned by want of Light houſes and lights, that might have beene provided, ſet up, and maintained with continuall fire Lights to be kept burning in them in the whole night time, at the point of the North and South Forlands in our County of *Kent*, for direction of all Saylors and ſhipping paſſing to and fro, by thoſe Sands aſwell of our owne Subjects, as of ſtrangers, and for the avoyding of theſe dangerous Sands, in darke and tempeſtuous Nights, and that for the eſcaping and preventing of the dangers of thoſe Sands for the time to come, It is very convenient and neceſſary that light houſes ſhould be erected with lights therein continually burning, and maintained in the Night time: We therefore of our Princely Office and care intending hereafter to provide for the better ſafety of our Navie Royall, the lives and goods of our Subjects, Friends, and Allies, as of the ſhipping of our Kingdome being a Principall honour and ſtrength of the ſame, and unwilling that our loving Subjects and others, paſſing by the ſayd Sandes ſhould undergoe and continue ſtill under the danger and hazard of the ſayd perilous Sands, did (by a Warrant under our privy Signet, dated the Ninth day of *February*, 1634. Authoriſe and appoint our truſty and well beloved Servant Sir *John Meldrum* Knight to erect Light houſes upon the ſayd North and South Forlands, who (according to the ſayd power and authority to him by us given) hath cauſed to bee erected two Light houſes at or upon the ſayd South Forland, which ſaid Light houſes, we have thought fit and neceſſary to be continued: And by theſe preſents we doe for us our heires and Succeſſours, will, ordeine and appoint that the ſaid Light houſes already erected at or upon the ſayd South Forland, and ſome one or more convenient Light houſe or Light houſes, at the ſaid North and South Forlands or either of them, or in any other place at or upon the ſaid North and South Forlands, ſhall be erected and continued, as by the perſon hereafter by us nominated appointed or authoriſed in that behalfe, his Executors Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes or ſome or one of them ſhall be thought meete and neceſſary from time to time, during the terme hereby graunted, at the coſt and charges of the ſaid perſon hereafter by us nominated appointed or authoriſed his Executours Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, and that continually in the night ſeaſon, ſufficient Light ſhall therein by the ſaid perſon hereafter nominated appointed or authoriſed his Executors Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes or ſome or one of them, and at his or their owne proper coſt and charges, from time to time, as aforeſaid to be continued, kept and mainteined for the direction, conduction and preſervation of Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, and all other Veſſels whatſoever, which ſhall ſayle or paſſe by the ſaid Sands: And that aſwell the ſaid Light houſes erected, and the ſaid Light houſe, or Light houſes, which ſhall hereafter be erected, ſhall or may, by the ſaid perſon hereafter by us nominated, appointed, or authoriſed, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, be altered, renewed, removed, and changed, at or upon the ſaid North and South Forlands, or either of them, as ſhall be found neceſſary and fit, by the advice of expert and skilfull Sea-faring men for the ſafer conduction and guiding of Saylors, Shippes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, and all other Veſſels whatſoever, that ſhall paſſe to and fro, by the Said Sands. And foraſmuch as the erection of the ſaid Light houſes already erected, and the erecting, repairing, renewing, changing, and continuall maintaining of the ſayd Light houſes erected, and to be erected, and the continuall maintaining of the Lights in the ſame, as aforeſaid, will from time to time require a great and continuall charge for the ſupportation and maintenance of the ſame: We will ordeine and appoint for us our heires and Succeſſors, that there ſhall be collected and taken of and for every Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell whatſoevet, of our Subjects or of Strangers, that ſhall paſſe from Port, to Port, or croſſe the Seas by the ſaid Sands, one penny upon the Tunne for every Voyage outward bound, and one penny upon the Tunne, for every Voyage inward bound being loaden with goods and Merchandizes according to the burthen of the ſaid Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell; that is to ſay, one halfe penny upon the Tunne, from the Maſters and Owners of ſuch Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſels for the time being, and one other halfe penny upon every Tunne as aforeſaid, of and from the Merchants and Owners of the Goods in the ſame Shippes, Barkes, Hoyes, Crayers, Catches, and other Veſſells for the time being, and that there ſhall be collected and taken of all Strangers, that have uſe of the ſaid Lights, and that doe not uſually trade or come into any our Ports, Harbours, Roades, or Creekes, but in caſes of neceſſity by ſtorme and Tempeſt or otherwiſe for ſuccour or releefe of their wants, for every ſuch Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or Veſſell, loaden with goods or Merchandiſes, although the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or Veſſell ſhall not be unladen in any of our ſaid Ports, Harbors, Roades, or Creekes, two pence upon the Tunne, for every Voyage outward bound, and two pence upon the Tunne for every Voyage inwards bound, according to the burthen of the ſaid Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell; Which ſaid ſeverall and reſpective duties and payments as aforeſaid, we will and ordeine for us, our heires and Succeſſours, ſhall bee delivered and payd to the hands of ſuch perſon hereafter in theſe preſents mentioned, appointed, or authorized, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, or to his or their Deputy or Deputies, in any of our Cuſtome-houſes, Caſtles, Forts, Ports, Harbors, Roades, or Creekes; in our Realme of *England* or Dominion of *Wales*: And if the Maſters and Owners of the ſaid Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches or other Veſſels; ſhall and will pay the ſayd whole ſeverall duties, as aforeſaid: Then the ſayd Maſters and Owners of the ſayd Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſells, ſhall and may lawfully demand, receive, and take backe the Moity or one halfe thereof according to the true meaning of this Graunt, of and from the Merchants and Owners of Goods, in the Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, and other Veſſels, from time to time, according to the quantitie of the goods, and Merchandiſes, wherewith the ſayd Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, and other Veſſels; ſhall be fraught or laden, whither the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or Veſſell ſhall bee there laden or unladen, or not laden or unladen, with or of any the goods or Merchandiſes, wherewith it ſhall be fraught or laden, And for as much as ſuch Strangers not trading in any of our Ports, and yet have uſe of the ſayd Lights, doe for the greateſt part never come in any of our Ports, Harbours, Creekes of Roads, but by caſuall neceſſity, for releefe of their wants, or being forced by ſtormes, or tempeſt, and oftentimes doe not returne into the ſame, or any other of our Ports, Harbors, Roades, or Creekes; We therefore doe will and ordeine that of all ſuch ſtrangers there ſhall be collected and taken of the Maſters and Owners of ſuch Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches or other Veſſels, who our will and pleaſure is ſhall pay the whole duety allowed for both Voyages outwards bound and inwards bound at one and the ſame time either in ſuch Port, Roade, Harbour, or Creeke, where the ſaid Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell of ſuch ſtranger ſhall be found upon her Voyage outwards bound, or in ſuch Port, Roade, Harbor, or Creeke, where ſuch Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayes, Catch, or other Veſſell of ſuch ſtranger, ſhall bee found upon her Voyage inward bound, and ſhall and may lawfully take the one halfe thereof of the Merchants and Owners of the goods in the ſayd Shippes or other Veſſels; And that the ſame ſeverall duties being once payd according to the true intent and meaning of theſe preſents, and a Receipt thereof being teſtified by thoſe who ſhall be appointed to receive the ſame, the ſaid Maſters and Owners of Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, and other Veſſels, aſwell our Subjects, as Strangers, ſhall be then freed and diſcharged of and from the payment of the ſayd ſeverall duties in every or any Port or Ports, Creeke, Harbor, Roade, Fort, or Caſtle, into which the ſayd Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or Veſſells ſhall or may happen to come in, during ſuch her Voyage as aforeſayd. *Know yee therefore*, that we, aſwell in conſideration of the premiſſes, as in regard of the true faithfull and acceptable ſervice, by the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, to our late deare and royall Father, and to us heretofore done, and of the charge already ſuſteined by the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, in and about the erecting of the ſaid Light houſes at the South Forland; As alſo for other good cauſes and conſiderations us thereunto moving of our eſpeciall grace, certeine knowledge and meere motion, doe by theſe preſents, for us our heires and Succeſſors nominate appoint and authorize the ſaid Sir *John Meldrum*, the perſon to erect maintaine and continue the ſaid Light houſes and Lights, And to alter renew remove and change the ſaid Light houſes erected or to be erected, or any of them as occaſion ſhall require; and to receive the ſeverall and reſpective duties, and payments herein before mentioned according to the intent of theſe preſents, for and during the terme hereafter mentioned. And wee doe by theſe preſents for us our heires and Succeſſors, give and graunt, unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, that he the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Excecutors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, at his and their proper coſts and charges, ſhall & may lawfully maintaine, continue, alter, renew, remove, and change the ſaid Light houſes, already by him erected and ſet up, and to make, build, erect, ſet up, renew, remove, and maintaine; or cauſe to be made, builded, erected, renewed, ſet up, removed, and maintained; ſome one or more convenient Light houſe or Light houſes, at the ſaid North, and South Forlands, or either of them, in our ſaid County of *Kent*, as to the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, ſhall ſeeme moſt fit needefull and requiſite; and to keepe and maintaine in the ſaid Light houſes already erected, and in the ſaid Light houſe or Light houſes to be erected at his and their owne proper coſt and charges continuall Lights to be burning in them, during all the Night ſeaſon; And for the great charges already ſuſtained, and from time to time hereafter to be ſuſtained and borne by the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, in and about erecting, maintaining, continuing, altering, renewing, and removing of the ſaid Light houſes and Lights, as aforeſaid, we doe for us our heires and ſucceſſours, give and graunt unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Excecutors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, full power and authority that he, they and every of them, his or their Deputy or Deputies ſhall and may lawfully demaund receive, have and take to the onely and proper uſe of him the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, of and for all Shippes, Barkes, Hoyes, Crayers, Catches, and other Veſſels, laden with goods and Merchandizes, belonging either to Subject or Stranger; that ſhall paſſe from Port to Port, or croſſe the Seas by the ſaid Sands, one penny upon the Tunne, according to the burthen of the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell whatſoever for every Voyage out ward bound, and one penny upon the Tunne for every Voyage inward bound (that is to ſay) one halfe penny upon the Tunne, to be payd by the Maſters and Owners of the ſaid Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſels, for the time being, and one other halfe penny upon the Tunne from the Merchants and Owners of the goods in the ſame Shippes, Barkes, Hoyes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſels whatſoever for the time being, and wee doe alſo further give and graunt unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, full power and authority, that hee they and every of them ſhall and may lawfully demaund receive have and take to the onely proper uſe and behoofe of him the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, for all Shipping, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, and all other Veſſels of ſtrangers, that have uſe of the ſaid Lights, and that doe not uſually trade or come into any of our Ports, Harbors, Roades, or Creekes, but in caſes of neceſſity by ſtorme or tempeſt: Although that the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell, ſhall not be unladen in any of our ſaid Ports, Harbors, Roades or Creekes, two pence upon the Tunne for every Voyage outward bound, and two pence upon the Tunne for every Voyage inward bound according to the burden of the ſaid Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell; Which ſaid ſeverall and reſpective duties and payments, we doe hereby for us our heires and ſucceſſors give and graunt unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes; his or their Deputy or Deputies, full power and authority to aske receive, and collect the ſame in any of our Cuſtome houſes, Caſtles, Forts, Creekes, Roades, Ports, or Harbors, of our Realme of *England* or Dominion of *Wales*, where the ſaid Ships, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or Veſſels, ſhall harbor or put in, whether the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, or Catch, or other Veſſell ſhall be there laden or not laden, with or any of the goods or Merchandizes where with it ſhall be fraught or laden: And if the Maſters and Owners of the Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches or other Veſſells ſhall and will pay the ſaid whole ſeverall duties as aforeſaid; then the ſaid Maſters and Owners of the ſaid Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſells, ſhall and may lawfully demaund, receive and take backe the Moity, or one halfe thereof, according to the true meaning of this Graunt, of and from the Merchants and Owners of the goods in the ſame Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches and other Veſſels from time to time, according to the quantity, of the goods and Merchandiſes wherewith the ſaid Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſels, ſhall be fraught or laden; And we doe further give and graunt unto the ſayd Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, his or their Deputy or Deputies fall power and authority to receive and collect the ſaid duety hereby payable by all ſuch ſtrangers not uſually trading in any our Ports but by caſuall neceſſity for releife of their wants, or being forced by ſtorme or tempeſt, doe come into our Ports, Habors, Creekes, or Roades, of and from the Maſters and Owners of the Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſells, who ſhall pay the ſaid whole duty for both Voyages outward bound and inward bound, at one and the ſame time in ſuch Port, Roade, Harbour or Creeke, where the Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch or other Veſſell of

our heires and Succeſſors, give and graunt, unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, that he the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Excecutors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, at his and their proper coſts and charges, ſhall & may lawfully maintaine, continue, alter, renew, remove, and change the ſaid Light houſes, already by him erected and ſet up, and to make, build, erect, ſet up, renew, remove, and maintaine; or cauſe to be made, builded, erected, renewed, ſet up, removed, and maintained; ſome one or more convenient Light houſe or Light houſes, at the ſaid North, and South Forlands, or either of them, in our ſaid County of *Kent*, as to the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, ſhall ſeeme moſt fit needefull and requiſite; and to keepe and maintaine in the ſaid Light houſes already erected, and in the ſaid Light houſe or Light houſes to be erected at his and their owne proper coſt and charges continuall Lights to be burning in them, during all the Night ſeaſon; And for the great charges already ſuſtained, and from time to time hereafter to be ſuſtained and borne by the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, in and about erecting, maintaining, continuing, altering, renewing, and removing of the ſaid Light houſes and Lights, as aforeſaid, we doe for us our heires and ſucceſſours, give and graunt unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Excecutors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, full power and authority that he, they and every of them, his or their Deputy or Deputies ſhall and may lawfully demaund receive, have and take to the onely and proper uſe of him the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, of and for all Shippes, Barkes, Hoyes, Crayers, Catches, and other Veſſels, laden with goods and Merchandizes, belonging either to Subject or Stranger; that ſhall paſſe from Port to Port, or croſſe the Seas by the ſaid Sands, one penny upon the Tunne, according to the burthen of the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell whatſoever for every Voyage out ward bound, and one penny upon the Tunne for every Voyage inward bound (that is to ſay) one halfe penny upon the Tunne, to be payd by the Maſters and Owners of the ſaid Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſels, for the time being, and one other halfe penny upon the Tunne from the Merchants and Owners of the goods in the ſame Shippes, Barkes, Hoyes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſels whatſoever for the time being, and wee doe alſo further give and graunt unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, full power and authority, that hee they and every of them ſhall and may lawfully demaund receive have and take to the onely proper uſe and behoofe of him the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, for all Shipping, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, and all other Veſſels of ſtrangers, that have uſe of the ſaid Lights, and that doe not uſually trade or come into any of our Ports, Harbors, Roades, or Creekes, but in caſes of neceſſity by ſtorme or tempeſt: Although that the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell, ſhall not be unladen in any of our ſaid Ports, Harbors, Roades or Creekes, two pence upon the Tunne for every Voyage outward bound, and two pence upon the Tunne for every Voyage inward bound according to the burden of the ſaid Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell; Which ſaid ſeverall and reſpective duties and payments, we doe hereby for us our heires and ſucceſſors give and graunt unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes; his or their Deputy or Deputies, full power and authority to aske receive, and collect the ſame in any of our Cuſtome houſes, Caſtles, Forts, Creekes, Roades, Ports, or Harbors, of our Realme of *England* or Dominion of *Wales*, where the ſaid Ships, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or Veſſels, ſhall harbor or put in, whether the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, or Catch, or other Veſſell ſhall be there laden or not laden, with or any of the goods or Merchandizes where with it ſhall be fraught or laden: And if the Maſters and Owners of the Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches or other Veſſells ſhall and will pay the ſaid whole ſeverall duties as aforeſaid; then the ſaid Maſters and Owners of the ſaid Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſells, ſhall and may lawfully demaund, receive and take backe the Moity, or one halfe thereof, according to the true meaning of this Graunt, of and from the Merchants and Owners of the goods in the ſame Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches and other Veſſels from time to time, according to the quantity, of the goods and Merchandiſes wherewith the ſaid Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſels, ſhall be fraught or laden; And we doe further give and graunt unto the ſayd Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, his or their Deputy or Deputies fall power and authority to receive and collect the ſaid duety hereby payable by all ſuch ſtrangers not uſually trading in any our Ports but by caſuall neceſſity for releife of their wants, or being forced by ſtorme or tempeſt, doe come into our Ports, Habors, Creekes, or Roades, of and from the Maſters and Owners of the Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſells, who ſhall pay the ſaid whole duty for both Voyages outward bound and inward bound, at one and the ſame time in ſuch Port, Roade, Harbour or Creeke, where the Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch or other Veſſell, of ſuch ſtranger, ſhall be found upon her Voyage outward bound, or in ſuch Port, Roade, Harbour, or Creeke, ſhall be found upon her Voyage inwards bound, and ſhall and may lawfully take the one halfe thereof, of the Merchants and Owners of the goods of the ſaid Shippes, and other Veſſells; Nevertheleſſe our will and pleaſure is, that for the erection, reparation, renewing, removing, and continually maintenance, of all or any ſuch Light houſe or Light houſes, erected or to be erected, and ſet up, or which at any time hereafter, be renewed, altered, removed, and maintained as aforeſaid, no other or further duty or payment, be demanded, collected or taken of our ſubjects or ſtrangers, then the aforeſayd ſeverall and reſpective duties, or payments, hereby granted as aforeſaid; and that the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective duties, being once payd, according to the true intent of theſe preſents, and a Receipt thereof by thoſe who ſhall be appointed to receive the ſame, the ſaid Maſters and Owners of Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, and other Veſſells aſwell our ſubjects as ſtrangers, and all and every Merchant and Merchants ſhall be then freed and diſcharged of and from the payment of the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective duties in every or any Port or Ports, Creeke, Harbour, Fort, or Caſtle, into which the ſaid Shippes, Hoyes, Barkes, Crayers, Catches, or other Veſſels, ſhall or may happen to come in, during ſuch her Voyage as aforeſaid; And we doe further of our eſpeciall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, for us our heires and Succeſſors, give and grant unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, full power and authority, that he they and every of them, at his and their wills and pleaſures ſhall or may lawfully erect, alter, change, renew, and remove, at their proper coſt and charges, ſuch and ſo many Lights and Light houſes, at the ſaid North and South Forlands as aforeſaid, as ſhall be thought neceſſary and fit by the advice of skilfull and expert ſeafaring men as aforeſaid, To have, hold, exerciſe and enjoy the ſaid liberties, licenſes, powers, and authorities, and the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective duties and payments, before by theſe preſents given and granted and licenſed, to be received or taken, and every of them unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, for and during the Terme, and to the full end and Terme of fifty yeares, from the date of theſe preſents fully to be compleate and ended; And the ſaid duties and payments to detaine and keepe to his and their owne uſe, without Account or other matter or thing to be to us our heires or ſucceſſors, rendered, payd or given, for the ſame, other than the yearely Rent or ſumme hereafter in and by theſe preſents reſerved; Yeelding and paying therefore yearely and every yeare, to us our heires and ſucceſſors, the yearely Rent, or ſumme of twenty pounds of lawfull money of *England*, for and during the ſaid Terme of fifty yeares into the Receipt of our Exchequer, at *Weſtminſter*, at the feaſt of Saint *Michael* the Archangell, and the *Annunciation* of our bleſſed Lady Saint *Mary* the Virgin, by even and equall portions, or within thirty dayes next after either of the ſayd feaſts; And foraſmuch as any other order or courſe cannot well be taken for the due leavying of the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective dueties or payments, hereby granted as aforeſaid for and towards the effecting and continuing of this ſo good and neceſſary a worke then by the appointing the payment and collection of the ſame to be had and made within the Ports, Harbours, Havens, Roades, and Creekes, unto which the ſaid Shippes, Barkes, Hoyes, Crayers, Catches, and other Veſſels, ſhall or doe come, we doe by theſe preſents, for us our heires and ſucceſſours will ordeine and appoint, and alſo ſtraightly charge command and authorize all and every the Cuſtomers and Farmours of our Cuſtomes, Collectors, Comptrolers, Surveyors, Searchers, Waytors, and their and every of their Clarks reſpectively, & all other the Officers whatſoever of and concerning the Cuſtoms to us our heires and Succeſſors within our Port of *London* & all other our Ports within our Realme of *England* or Dominion of *Wales*, & al Captaines, Leivetenants & all other our Officers belonging to any our Forts and Caſtles, alſo all Wardens, Portrives, and keepers of any our Ports, Roads, Harbours, Havens or Creeks, & all Wharfingers, Porters, and Laborers, belonging to the Water-ſide, & all other the Officers of the Cuſtomes to us our heires & ſucceſſors now being, or which at any time hereafter ſhall be in our Ports of *London*, as in all and every the Ports, Harbours, Havens, Creeks, Roades, and places within this our Realme of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*: to whom it ſhall or may appertaine, that they nor any of them during the terme of fifty yeares hereby granted, doe or ſhall take or receive any entry or Cocquet, or give make or certifie any Cocquet, returne Victualling Bill or diſcharge whatſoever, for any Shippe, Barke, Hoye, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell belonging to the ſubjects, of this our Kingdome of *England*, which ſhall hereafter paſſe by the ſaid Sands, or ſuffer any Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell, to goe out of any of our Ports, except the Maſters or Owners of the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell ſhall have firſt paid the whole duties hereby by him or them due and payable, or ſhall take and receive any entry or Cocquet, or give, make, or certifie any Cocquet, Returne Victualling Bill or diſcharge whatſoever, for any other Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch or any other Veſſell not belonging to the ſubjects of this our Kingdome, which ſhall hereafter paſſe by the ſaid Sands or ſuffer any ſuch Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell to goe out of any of our Ports, except the Maſters or Owners of the ſame Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell, ſhall have firſt payd the ſeverall duties hereby due and payable, and they ſhall reſpectively produce and ſhew forth a Receipt and Acquittance of and for the payment, of the ſaid duty, under the hand and ſeale, of ſuch Officer or Officers as ſhall be deputed and appointed, by the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, the ſaid Officers ſo deputed duely attending the ſame in every or any ſuch Cuſtome-houſe, Port, Haven, Harbour, Creeke, Roade, or place from whence the ſaid Shippe, Barke, Hoye, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell ſhall come, teſtifying the payment and Receipt thereof, to be there duely had and made by the ſaid Maſters and Owners of the ſaid Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell, to the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, his or their deputie or deputies, And we doe likewiſe will ordaine and appoint, and alſo ſtraightly charge and command and authorize all and every the ſaid Cuſtomers and Farmour, or Farmours, of our Cuſtomes, and all other Officers as aforeſaid, to whom the ſame ſhall appertaine, that they nor any of them during the terme aforeſaid, ſhall not make any entry, or give any diſcharge whatſoever to any Merchant or Owner of goods or Merchandiſes, of the ſubjects of this our Kingdome of *England*, whatſoever being laden in any ſuch Ship, Hoye, Bark, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell which ſhall paſſe by the ſaid Sands, except the ſaid Merchant or Owner of the ſaid goods and Merchandiſes, or ſome other perſon or perſons, on his and their behalfe, ſhall have firſt payd the ſaid duty by him due and payable, and ſhall ſhew forth an Acquittance of or for the payment of the ſaid duety, under the hand and Seale of ſuch Officer or Officers, as ſhall be deputed and appointed by the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, the ſaid Officers duely attending the ſame in every or any ſuch Cuſtome-houſe, Port, Harbour, Haven, Creeke, or Roade, whence the ſaid Shippe, Hoye, Barke, Crayer, Catch, or other Veſſell ſhall come, teſtifying the Receipt thereof to be there duely had and made, by the ſaid Merchant or Owner of ſuch goods and Merchandiſes, upon paine of our high diſpleaſure and ſuch puniſhment as may be inflicted upon the Offenders by the Lawes and Statutes of this our Realme, for ſuch their contempt and neglect of our Royall will and pleaſure, herein declared. And to the end the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes ſhall and may the better have and enjoy the full force benefit and effect of this our preſent Grant, we doe by theſe preſents will and require the lord high Treaſurer of *England* for the time being, the lord Warden of the Cinque Ports for the time being, the Governours of our Iſlands and their Deputies, the Iudge of our Court of Admiralty, and alſo all Mayors, Sheriffes, Iuſtices of Peace, Captaines of our Caſtles and Forts, Bayliffes, and other Officers, and Miniſters whatſoever of us our heires and Succeſſors, to whom it doth and ſhall appertaine that they and every of them bee from time to time hereafter favoring, ayding, and aſſiſting unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, Deputies, and Aſſignes, Subſtitutes, Factors, and Servants, and every of them in and concerning the premiſſes upon every juſt complaint to be made, touching and concerning the ſame, according as in Iuſtice ſhall be by them or any of them deſired and requeſted in that behalfe. And theſe preſents or the Inrolment thereof ſhall bee unto them and every of them, a ſufficient Warrant and diſcharge, for doing performing and executing the ſame, And Laſtly our will and pleaſure is, and we doe hereby for us our heires and ſucceſſors, grant unto the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, that theſe our letters Patents or the Inrolment of them ſhall bee good, firme, effectuall and of validity in law according to the true intent and meaning of the ſame, and ſhall be taken conſtrued and adjudged, in all our Courts and elſewhere, moſt favourably and beneficially for the ſaid Sir *Iohn Meldrum* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, and every of them; Notwithſtanding the not full expreſſing the certaine yearely value or worth of the premiſſes, and notwithſtanding the not ſuing out an Inquiſition or Writ of *ad quod dampnum* out of our Court of *Chancery*, any Statute, Law, Act of Parliament, Reſervation or Proviſion, heretofore had, made or publiſhed, or any other imperfection, uncertainty, defect, matter, or thing to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding; Although expreſſe mention of the true yearely value, or the certainty of the premiſſes or any of them is not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proviſion, Proclamation, or Reſtraint to the contrary thereof, heretofore had made ordeined or provided, or any other thing, cauſe, or matter whatſoever in any wiſe notwithſtanding; *In Witneſſe* whereof we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents. Witneſſe our ſelfe at *Weſtminſter* the thirteenth day of *February* in the Twelfth yeare of our Raigne.

God ſave the King.